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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP HAS CIRCULATED LETTER TO ALL DELEGATIONS STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF OCTOBER 10-11 AD HOC MEETING TO DISCUSS LONG TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THIS MAJOR REPORT IS RESULT OF U.S. INITIATIVE AND HAS DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO IEP, MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING AT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. END SUMMARY

2. SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SENT A LETTER TO ALL DELEGATIONS CALLING ATTENTION TO OCTOBER 10-11 AD HOC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT (SEE REFTELS) AND ASKING GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING IN DECIDING ON THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING  
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ARE THREEFOLD:

- A) TO PROVIDE AN OCCASION FOR COMMENT ON THE OVERALL FORM AND SCOPE OF THE DRAFT REPORT.
- B) TO PERMIT FACTUAL CHECKING OF RELEVANT PARTS OF THE REPORT BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS.
- C) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AT A SENIOR LEVEL ON THE MAIN LONG-TERM POLICY ISSUES FACING OECD COUNTRIES AS DESCRIBED IN THE DRAFT REPORT.

3. THE MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY DR. LANTZKE, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY. SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

A) THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 10 WOULD BE DEVOTED TO A "TOUR DE TABLE" ON THE OVERALL FORM AND SCOPE OF THE REPORT. THE AFTERNOON WOULD BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF THE FIRST TWO PARTS OF THE REPORT, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON PART 2, WHICH IS CONCERNED MAINLY WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR REDUCING OECD IMPORTS.

B) THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 11 WOULD BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF PART 3, WHICH COVERS THE MAIN ENERGY POLICY OPTIONS OPEN TO OECD COUNTRIES. THE AFTERNOON WOULD BE DEVOTED TO A SUMMARY DISCUSSION OF THE MAIN ISSUES EMERGING FROM THE MORNING'S SESSION.

4. THE MISSION BELIEVES SEVERAL POINTS SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN DECIDING ON THE NATURE AND LEVEL OF U.S. REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING.

- A) THIS MAJOR REPORT, THE RESULT OF A U.S. INITIATIVE AND REFLECTING OVER A YEAR OF WORK BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND OECD SECRETARIAT, APPEARS AT THE SAME TIME THAT OECD IS CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF ADOPTION OF THE IEP. IN THE EVENT THE IEP IS BROUGHT INTO OECD, THE REPORT COULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR MUCH OF THE LONG-TERM COOPERATION WORK IN THE NEW AGENCY.
- B) THE REPORT ADDRESSES SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE FRENCH, INCLUDING CONSERVATION, ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES AND ENERGY R&D. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FRENCH CRITICISM OF THE IEP HAS BEEN THAT THE PROGRAM IS IMBALANCED IN FAVOR OF EMERGENCY SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AND DOES NOT DEVOTE SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LONGER-TERM ISSUES. THUS, THE FRENCH CAN BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AT THE MEETING AND PROBABLY WILL BE LOOKING TO SEE HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE OTHER DELEGATIONS PLACE ON THESE DISCUSSIONS. THEIR ASSESSMENT MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THEIR VIEW OF THE IEP IN GENERAL.

- C) THE AD HOC FORMAT FOR THE MEETING IS AN EFFORT TO AVOID LENGTHY PROCEDURES OF REFERENCE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS RELEVANT COMMITTEES INVOLVED IN THE REPORT.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS SAID THAT THE SUCCESS OF THIS INITIATIVE WILL LIKELY DEPEND ON WHETHER NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS ARE REPRESENTED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN THE MAIN FIELDS TO BE DISCUSSED, WHICH INCLUDE NOT ONLY ENERGY POLICY IN THE NARROW SENSE, BUT ALSO RELATED QUESTIONS SUCH AS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,

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ENVIRONMENT POLICY AND CERTAIN ISSUES OF OVERALL ECONOMIC POLICY.

D) AN INFORMAL SOUNDING OF SEVERAL OF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS INDICATES THAT GOVERNMENTS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT A SENIOR LEVEL. JAPAN'S DELEGATE WILL BE MASUDA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ENERGY AGENCY OF MITI. BRITISH AND CANADIANS ARE THINKING OF REPRESENTATION AT THE EQUIVALENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. THE GERMAN DEL WILL BE ENGELMANN, LANTZKE'S SUCCESSOR AS ENERGY MINISTERIAL DIREKTOR (ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL) IN THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 ABOVE, AS WELL AS FACT THAT THIS WILL BE ONLY MEETING CONVENED TO DISCUSS REPORT BEFORE IT IS PUT IN FINAL FORM, U.S. REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE AT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL (AT LEAST FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE POLICY OPTIONS SECTION.) IN RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTION, LANTZKE HAS OFFERED TO REVISE THE  
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SEQUENCE OF THE DAY'S MEETINGS SO THAT THE POLICY OPTIONS DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD ON THE FIRST DAY (OCT 10), IF THIS WOULD FACILITATE ATTENDANCE BY U.S. AT THIS LEVEL.  
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